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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir :

In response to the Official Action of December 11, 2007, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 11, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.  
**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 8 of this paper.  
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